(c) whether the culprit has been apprehended and motive of murder ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A Sub-Inspector of Delhi Police was shot at near the General Taxi Stand, District Centre, Najafgarh Road, Janakpuri on 12th March, 2005. The victim was rushed to the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital where he was declared brought dead. A case *vide* FIR No.113/2005 under Section 302 IPC has been registered at Janakpuri Police Station on 12th March, 2005. No one has so far been arrested in the case. The investigation is being carried out by Delhi Police from various angles including personal enmity to work out the case.

(d) The steps taken to prevent recurrence of such crimes in Delhi include improvement in the beat system of patrolling; identification of Police Stations with high rate of crime and provision of additional manpower and motorcycle patrols to such Police Stations; rationalizing the timing for patrolling to maximize its effectiveness; development of intelligence about the movement of desperate criminals; and multi-tasking of Police Control Room Vans.

Fictitious Pensioners

†2998. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and district-wise details of the fictitious freedom fighters pensioners against whom the Ministry is carrying out enquiry;

(b) whether payment of pension to these pensioners is being stopped with immediate effect;

(c) the main reasons for taking action against these pensioners; and

(d) the time schedule fixed for completion of enquiry and action that would be taken by Government after the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) A regular scheme for providing pension to freedom fighters was initiated in 1972. It was recast as the

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme in 1980. Since inception, about 1.69 lakh Samman Pensions have been sanctioned and about 4.57 lakh claims have been rejected (till 31.03.2005).

This Ministry keeps on receiving complaints from various sources regarding grant of Samman pension to ineligible persons. Sometimes Courts have also ordered enquiries, and in a few cases petitioners have also filed affidavits in Courts alleging grant of Samman pension to ineligible persons.

This Ministry conducts an enquiry through the concerned State Government and/or examines its available records to ascertain whether the concerned person meets the eligibility and evidentiary requirements prescribed in the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980.

Where it is seen that any person does not fulfil the eligibility/evidentiary requirements, proceedings for cancellation of the Samman pension are initiated. The pensioner is given an opportunity of being heard, and, after considering his reply (if furnished), a final decision on cancellation is taken. Since the inception of the scheme in 1972, till 31.03.2005, about 1582 Samman pensions have been cancelled. In case the specificity of any case so merits, the pension is suspended pending the finalization of the cancellation proceeding.

Receipt of complaints, enquiries through the State Governments, examination of available records, suspension of the pension if the specificity of the case so merits and final cancellation of the pension when established that eligibility/evidentiary requirements are not fulfilled are a continuous process.

Deaths in Durgapur Steel Plant

2999. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December, 2004 three persons succumbed to death were buried under stage in Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) whether C.I.S.F. has lodged formal complaint with State Police regarding the unnatural deaths;

(c) whether post-mortem was conducted and bodies were duly handed over to their relatives thereafter; and